

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer
Director of Children and Family Services

At its meeting held July 26, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following items were called up for consideration:

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The Director of Children and Family Services' attached recommendation to approve the use of form contracts for the provision of Family Support (FS), Family Preservation (FP), and Adoption Promotion and Support Services (APSS) with various agencies; authorize the Director to execute the contracts with the FS, FP and APSS agencies, effective August 1, 2005 or date of execution, whichever is later, through June 30, 2008, with maximum contract amounts over the three-year term of the agreements to be \$9,314,298, \$80,614,538 and \$11,975,820, respectively, for a total three-year term cost of \$101,904,656, financed using 76% Federal and State funding and a 24% net County cost of \$24,184,361; also authorize the Director to execute amendments to increase or decrease the maximum contract amount by no more than 10% of the original maximum contract amount, and if necessary, to accommodate an increased or decreased service need; and

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The Director of Children and Family Services' attached recommendation to approve the use of form contracts for the provision of Family Support (FS) and Family Preservation (FP) services with various agencies; authorize the Director to execute the contracts with the FS and FP agencies, effective August 1, 2005 or date of execution, whichever is later, through June 30, 2008, with maximum contract amount over the three-year term of the agreements to be \$1,776,000 and \$10,500,000, respectively with a net County cost of \$12,276,000; and authorize the Director to execute amendments to increase or decrease the maximum contract amount by no more than 25% of the original maximum contract amount, if necessary, to accommodate an increased or decreased service.

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe:

"In accordance with the Department of Children and Family Services' goal of improved outcomes in safety, permanency and a reduced reliance on detentions, today we have before us requests to approve a total of 94 contracts for the provision of a comprehensive range of community-based services to children and families throughout Los Angeles County.

"The money to assist these needy families comes from existing Federal, State and County funding streams earmarked for these specialized services. I believe that we need to continue efforts to look for opportunities to identify long term funding sources to serve both families at risk, who would benefit from family support services that would keep them out of the child welfare system, and help them stay together and flourish, as well as families already in the child welfare system that perhaps may require more in-depth service needs.

"Partnerships between County agencies and community agencies have proven to be critical to these efforts. I believe that further investment in these innovative service partnerships will improve the overall well-being of Los Angeles County children and families, and further enhance our support system for those families at risk.

"I therefore recommend that the Director of Children and Family Services and the Chief Administrative Officer be instructed to identify ongoing funding sources for the further expansion of community-based Family Support and Family Preservation; and report to the Board in 60 days on its progress."

Dr. David Sanders, Director, and Walter Chan, Contract Manager, Department of Children and Family Services, responded to questions posed by the Board.

Howard Jacobs and Rachel White, representing G.L.A.S.S., Eileen Freedman, Daryl Smith, LeRoy Chase, Jose De Sosa, representing the San Fernando Valley Boys and Girls Club, Dr. Lynn Yonekura and Richard Hume, representing California Hospital Medical Center, and other interested persons addressed the Board.

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After discussion, Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a motion that the Board take the following actions:

- Amend Supervisor Knabe's recommendation to instruct the Director of Children and Family Services and Chief Administrative Officer to identify ongoing funding sources for the further expansion of community-based Family Support and Family Preservation; and report back to the Board at the meeting of August 16, 2005; and
- 2. Adopt the Director of Children and Family Services' aforementioned recommendations.

In addition, Supervisor Antonovich requested the report back to include agencies' progress implementing their contracts effective August 1, 2005, and if an agency is not in compliance with their contract provisions what effect it would have on continued funding.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky's motion, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, was unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent).

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Attachments

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